# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
# LOK SABHA

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ODF Villages
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has collected data/conducted any survey about the people/villages that do not defecate in the open in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether States like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha are lagging behind in Open Defecation Free (ODF) campaign;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the Government is likely to achieve the target of complete open defecation free country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) and (b) State/UT-wise, households having access to toilets during last 3 years as per Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is at Annexure-1.

(c) Yes, Madam. Villages being declared open defecation free (ODF) as on 3.4.2017 in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha are 4.94%, 6.73% and 6.40% respectively, whereas the national average is 30.77%

(d) Sanitation is a behavioral issue. It involves change of mindset amongst people to stop open defecation and to adopt safe sanitation practices. This requires engagement of community and skill in facilitation and 'triggering'. There is constraint of these capacities. Further, the states having large population have a bigger task of becoming ODF as compared to smaller States.

(e) Ministry has targeted to achieve Swachh Bharat by 2nd October, 2019.